

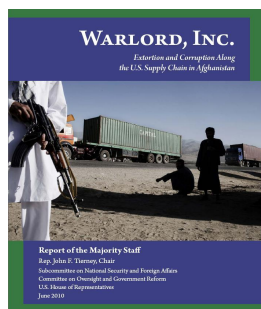
**“Investigation of Protection Payments for Safe Passage
along the Afghan Supply Chain”**

On **Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in 2154 Rayburn**, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Chairman Tierney and the Majority staff's findings that Afghan warlords and insurgents are extorting protection payments from the American contractors and subcontractors who transport goods and materials to U.S. troops throughout Afghanistan.

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Chairman Tierney released the findings in a Majority staff report entitled [Warlord, Inc. Extortion and Corruption Along the U.S. Supply Chain in Afghanistan](#), which culminates a six-month Subcommittee investigation into the Department of Defense's (DoD) \$2.16 billion Afghan Host Nation Trucking (HNT) contract, which is funded by taxpayer dollars and delivers more than 70 percent of the food, water, ammunition, weapons, and fuel to more than 200 U.S. military forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout the country.

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WITNESSES

First Panel

- **Lieutenant General William Phillips**, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, U.S. Army;

- **Gary Motsek**, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Program Support,

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics, Department of Defense; and

- **Brigadier General John Nicholson**, Director of the Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, The Joint Staff, Department of Defense.

Second Panel

- **Moshe Schwartz**, Specialist in Defense Acquisition, Congressional Research Service;
- **Carl Forsberg**, Research Analyst, Institute for the Study of War;
- **Colonel T.X. Hammes**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University; and
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S. Frederick Starr, Ph.D., The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

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